

rests in a physician's ability to observe symptoms of dystonia and obtain a thorough patient history.

In order to correctly diagnose dystonia, doctors must be able to recognize the physical signs and be familiar with the symptoms. In certain instances, tests may be ordered to rule out other conditions or disorders. The kind of specialist who typically has the training to diagnose and treat dystonia is a movement disorder neurologist. Awareness and recognition of dystonia is crucial.

I encourage my colleagues to learn more about dystonia, how it impacts the livelihood of their constituents, and honor the important work the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation, and families like the Nachbars, do to raise awareness and give hope to patients across the country.

**HONORING CONNOR FRANTZ FOR
HIS WORK WITH VETERANS**

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Connor Frantz, a remarkable young man from Cincinnati.

Connor has a heart for serving our veterans. As early as the age of 9, he was thinking up ways to make a difference in the lives of those who served our great nation.

He recently created his own nonprofit, called "Heroes Are Never Alone." Connor's organization partners with the Cincinnati Department of Veterans Affairs to most efficiently connect community support to veterans in need. Connor has helped raise more than \$8,000 so far.

Just this past winter, Heroes Are Never Alone had a tangible impact on Cincinnati's homeless population. Connor's donations were used to purchase winter clothing for veterans on the streets, in shelters, and temporary housing. His donations were also used to purchase hundreds of bus passes that allowed veterans to secure employment, access to housing, and services at food pantries. Connor's organization even donated a storage unit that is now used to store furniture that can be provided to veterans moving into permanent housing.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot end veteran homelessness on our own from Washington. We all benefit from initiatives by private citizens like Connor, who have a passion for helping veterans transition out of this condition. I hope you'll join me in thanking Connor for his efforts. We look forward to following young Connor Frantz's continued good work.

**APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK OF
CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER MATT
POWELL**

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and thank a longtime staffer of mine, Matt Powell, who recently left my office to pursue a Master's Degree in Public Health.

Matt is a constituent of the district I represent, Pennsylvania's 10th Congressional District, growing up in Susquehanna County. He attended Forest City High School and earned his Bachelor's Degree from Keystone College in Lackawanna County. Matt is a born and bred Northeastern Pennsylvanian who decided to serve his neighbors and his area by becoming an intern in one of my district offices. Matt immediately excelled in his role, and once we had an opening in my Washington, D.C. office we brought him on board right away. Matt worked in my Washington, D.C. office for over 5 years where he eventually became my Senior Legislative Assistant handling an array of important policy issues. Matt's passion has always been in healthcare policy, and I am pleased to see he is pursuing higher education in this field. I thank Matt for his dedicated and hard work for the constituents of PA-10, and I wish him the best of luck in any of his future endeavors.

**RECOGNIZING THE 2018 BEST OF
BRADDOCK AWARD RECIPIENTS**

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the annual Best of Braddock Awards. These awards are the result of collaboration between the Braddock District Council and Braddock District Supervisor and are presented to individuals and organizations whose extraordinary efforts make our community a better place.

I have been proud to represent this community since my days as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The level of civic engagement celebrated by these awards is a testament to the community spirit of the Braddock District. I have often said that civic engagement is a key indicator of a healthy community and tonight's event proves that Braddock District continues to be one of the healthiest communities in all of Northern Virginia. That is due in no small part to the actions of those honored here this evening. I extend my congratulations to all of tonight's honorees and commend them for their efforts on behalf of others and in making our community one of the best places in the country in which to live, work and raise a family.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following recipients of the 2018 Best of Braddock Awards:

Marilynn Sitts—Olde Forge/Surrey Square Civic Association, Hospitality Chairperson

Donna Fricas—Olde Forge/Surrey Square Civic Association, Little Free Library Project Coordinator

Sarah Lennon—Kings Park West Civic Association, Parks and Lake Chairperson, Leader of the Road Raiders Cleanup Team

Cathy DeLoach and Mary Hovland—Long and Foster Mary and Cathy Team, Kings Park West Tour of Homes Coordinators

Judy Nitsche—Friends of Kings Park Library, Book Sale Chair

Evan Braff and Paul Woods—Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services, Neighborhood College Coordinators

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2018 Best of Braddock

honorees for their tremendous contributions to Fairfax County and Northern Virginia. I thank them for their service to our community and wish them great success in all their future endeavors.

**CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE
BIRD**

HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the Year of the Bird, recognizing the tremendous value of our country's migratory birds to my constituents and all Americans and our natural world, and one hundred years of migratory bird conservation.

Within my own district in Upstate New York, birds contribute to the rich and beautiful scenery of the region, including globally recognized Important Bird Areas like the Catskills and the Upper Delaware River Basin, home to iconic species such as the Bald Eagle and Osprey. Areas like the Delaware River Basin not only provide a home for wildlife, they also serve as crucial economic drivers. The Basin contributes \$21 billion annually in ecosystems goods and services and provides water for millions of people in the region.

Greater than one-third of North American bird species continue to be in need of conservation action. That means that our action is key to their survival, through supporting the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Delaware River Basin Restoration Program, programs that conserve public lands which are important to both birds and people.

The best way we can honor the past century of successfully conserving our birds and their habitat is to continue to do so. We owe our children and grandchildren the joy of experiencing the rich bird life in this great country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating this monumental year marking a century of protecting birds. My hope is that we continue to advance sound policies and proper funding on behalf of the nation's migratory birds and all Americans, so that our proud conservation legacy will live on.

**RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARY'S ETHIOPIAN
ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO CHURCH**

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of St. Mary's Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church located in my home town of Aurora, Colorado. This landmark anniversary is a significant milestone as St. Mary's is not only an important religious institution, it is an important part of our community.

I am proud to represent the largest Ethiopian community in the State of Colorado in the United States House of Representatives. These Ethiopian immigrants are welcome and valued members of our community. They have opened small businesses, become homeowners, and become vital members of our

community. St. Mary's is an important foundation in the lives of these Ethiopian-Americans where they can come together, as promised in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, to practice their shared faith and help those within their community in times of need.

St. Mary's became the first Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Colorado when it was established in 1993. The church has experienced both triumphs and setbacks, but it has nevertheless always maintained its commitment to the community and willingness to serve. This is why St. Mary's continues to grow and thrive as its members celebrate their successes, their sorrow, and support in time of distress.

I offer my warmest and best wishes to the people and the leadership of St. Mary's Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church on their 25th anniversary. I know St. Mary's will continue to grow, to thrive, to serve its members, and to be a part of our community that is both a welcoming and diverse place.

CLARITY ON SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION IN CATEGORY MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6382, the "Clarity on Small Business Participation in Category Management Act," a bill which seeks to improve participation in federal contracting by small businesses.

The "Clarity on Small Business Participation in Category Management Act," requires that the Small Business Administration report to Congress on the total amount of government-wide spending under the Category Management approach, and more importantly, the number of small businesses awarded contracts under Category Management and the dollar amount of such contracts.

This information will allow Congress to determine whether Category Management is negatively impacting the participation of small businesses—including, minority-owned, women-owned, and veteran-owned companies—in the federal marketplace.

While I appreciate that the rationale behind Category Management is to save taxpayer dollars by reducing contract redundancies and costs and shrink administrative burdens, I share the concerns of many that the expanded use of Category Management, as proposed by the Trump Administration, will result in less opportunities for small businesses to secure federal contracts.

Research published in a Federal News Radio article has shown that past contract consolidation efforts by the federal government have decreased the amount of small prime contractors obtaining federal work. As such, we must exercise vigilance to guard against the diminution of small business participation in the federal marketplace under Category Management.

As a longtime advocate for small businesses, I am pleased to be an original cosponsor on this legislation, and I thank the gentlelady from North Carolina, Ms. ADAMS, for bringing the bill forward.

With that, I urge my House colleagues to support small businesses by voting in favor of this legislation.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARGARET BRADFORD-MATTHEWS

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today in remembrance of Margaret Bradford-Matthews.

Margaret was born in Philadelphia on September 26, 1949. She spent much of her youth in service to the A.M.E. Union Church. Shortly after graduating from William Penn High School in 1967, Margaret became one of the first African-American Pathology Technicians at the former Metropolitan Hospital in Philadelphia. She met her soon-to-be husband Herman J. Matthews, Jr., known to friends as Pete, that same year. Pete and Margaret married in the spring of 1970, at which point Margaret left her job at the hospital to raise their family.

Pete and Margaret were blessed with four children: Peter, Mark, Allan, and Heather. Of course, the challenges of raising four young children didn't keep Margaret from staying involved in the community. She was a Boy Scouts Den Mother, community organizer, volunteer school advisor, and more. She loved animals, most of all her dogs Bo and Squirt, and would often volunteer at the Camden County Animal Shelter. Margaret also had a renowned eye for fashion. Pete's reputation as one of the sharpest-dressed men in Philadelphia stems from Margaret's influence.

While Pete may hold the title of President, Margaret's input played a vital role in shaping the contracts AFSCME District Council 33 reached with the City of Philadelphia. Her importance was recognized when she was selected from PA AFL-CIO Women's Committee as a delegate to the 2000 Democratic National Convention.

Margaret leaves behind a legacy that will live on in the countless lives she touched. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the life and memory of Margaret Bradford-Matthews.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE INWOOD CANOE CLUB TO THE UPPER MANHATTAN COMMUNITY ON ITS 116TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I include in the Record the following Proclamation:

Whereas, the Inwood Canoe Club has been part of the Upper Manhattan Community since its founding in 1913; ushering the introduction and growth of this sport and recreation with this generation as well as the generation of our parents and that of our grandparents before;

Whereas, the Inwood Canoe Club continues to eagerly welcome with open arms persons of

all ages from different parts of New York City, and around the world for over a century;

Whereas, the Inwood Canoe Club has given New Yorkers a chance to discover new activities that enable us to enjoy the natural beauty that is such a tremendous point of pride that we all share and are fortunate to celebrate with the Inwood Canoe Club;

Whereas, the Inwood Canoe Club places a priority on community engagement and instills a lifelong passion for outdoor recreation through programs highlighting water sports to educate the youth about the ecology of the Hudson river and the importance of the environment;

Whereas, the Inwood Canoe Club strengthens community and generational ties, contributing to our greater sense of pride in our community;

Now, therefore I, ADRIANO ESPAILLAT, Representative of the Thirteenth Congressional District of New York in the United States House of Representatives, do hereby recognize Inwood Canoe Club on its 116th anniversary for its contribution to the Northern Manhattan Community and New York City.

AMERICANS WHO DIED FROM GUN VIOLENCE

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because Americans continue to die from gun violence while this White House and this Congressional majority does nothing to stop it.

Instead of working to pass commonsense, lifesaving legislation that keeps guns out of the hands of people who should never have them, Republican Congressional leadership is already eyeing the door to campaign before the November election.

We are already hearing rumors that the next two weeks could be cancelled. Instead of running off to campaign, we should remain in Washington to debate any number of bipartisan commonsense gun safety proposals that will save American lives.

Sadly, this Republican majority is too beholden to the NRA and gun lobby to do the right thing.

Speaker RYAN and Congressional Republicans will head out to hit the campaign trail while Americans will continue to die because of their criminal inaction.

These are the names of 156 Americans that this Republican majority has failed by their inaction on gun violence:

FLORIDA'S 17TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1. Highlands County Sheriff's Deputy William Gentry Jr.
2. Hinso Estriplet
3. Trent Bartol-Thomas, 19
4. Anthony Mathison
5. Rhiannon W. Layendecker
6. Samuel Jones, 22
7. Eric Young, 18
8. Matthew Eugene Collins
9. Joshua Jordan, 23
10. Guy Jr. Alabre, 16
11. Steven Gonzalez
12. Kehsawn Souvenir
13. Ivan Garcia
14. Maria "Angeles" Delosangeles Evaristo Bautista